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## 1 Introduction

First of all, The problem of analytic continuation of the solutions to a homogeneous linear partial differential equation with constant coefficients was considered by Kiselman [7]. He proved that the directions to whom every solution is analytically continued are determined by *its characteristic set*. (See also Zerner [12].) After that, under an additional hypothesis, Sébbar [11] extended the method of [7] to the case of local differential operators of infinite order with constant coefficients. Motivated by [11], Aoki [1] proved a local continuation theorem for the general differential operators of infinite order with variable coefficients, using his theory of exponential calculus for pseudo-differential operators. In the case of convolution equation with a hyperfunction kernel defined in tube domains invariants by any real translations, Ishimura and Y. Okada [2] proved that the directions to whom not every solution can be continued at once were contained to *the characteristic set* of the operator, by using the method developed by [7] and [11].

In this talk, we consider the homogeneous convolution equation  $S * f = 0$  with an analytic functional  $S$  and study the analytic continuation of the solution  $f$ .

We refer to [5] for the details and the proof.

## 2 The characteristic set and the condition (S)

In this section, we shall introduce the characteristic set and the condition  $(S)_{\zeta_0}$ . For any open set  $\omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{O}(\omega)$  the space of holomorphic functions defined on  $\omega$ . Let  $S$  be an analytic functional on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and we suppose

that  $S$  is supported by a compact convex set  $K \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ .  $\hat{S}$  denote its Fourier-Borel-transform

$$\hat{S}(\zeta) = \langle S, \exp(z \cdot \zeta) \rangle_z, \quad (2.1)$$

which is an entire function of exponential type satisfying the following estimate (the theorem of Polyà-Ehrenpreis-Martineau). For every  $\varepsilon$ , we can take a constant  $C_\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$|\hat{S}(\zeta)| \leq C_\varepsilon \exp(H_K(\zeta) + \varepsilon|\zeta|), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $H_K(\zeta) = \sup_{z \in K} \operatorname{Re} \langle z, \zeta \rangle$  is the supporting function of  $K$ .

For a set  $A \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , we set  $A^a = -A$ . we define the convolution operator  $S*$  by

$$(S * f)(z) = \langle S, f(z - w) \rangle_w \quad \text{for } f \in \mathcal{O}(\omega + K^a), \quad (2.3)$$

and consider the homogeneous convolution equation

$$S * f = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

We define the sphere at infinity

$$S_\infty^{2n-1} = (\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\})/\mathbb{R}_+$$

and denote by  $\zeta_\infty$  the equivalent class of  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . We consider the compactification with directions

$$\mathbb{D}^{2n} = \mathbb{C}^n \sqcup S_\infty^{2n-1}$$

of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

Let  $f(\zeta)$  be an entire function of exponential type. In accordance with Lelong and Gruman [9], we define the growth indicator of  $f$  by

$$h_f(\zeta) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |f(r\zeta)|}{r}, \quad (2.5)$$

and the regularized growth indicator of  $f$  by

$$h_f^*(\zeta) = \limsup_{\zeta' \rightarrow \zeta} h_f(\zeta'). \quad (2.6)$$

As in [2], and generalizing to the present case, we define the characteristic set of  $S*$ :

**Definition 2.1.** We set

$\text{Char}_\infty(S^*)$  = the complement of  $\{\tau \in S_\infty^{2n-1} ;$   
 for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $N > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  
 for any  $r > N$  and  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $\left| \zeta - \frac{\tau}{|\tau|} \right| < \delta$ ,  
 we have  $|\hat{S}(r\zeta)| \geq \exp(h_\zeta^*(\zeta) - \varepsilon)r\}$

and call it the characteristic set of the operator  $S^*$ .

Now we recall the definition of the condition (S), originally due to T. Kawai [6] and was defined in a direction in [4].

**Definition 2.2.** We say that an entire function  $f$  of exponential type satisfies the condition (S) at direction  $\zeta_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , if it satisfies the following:

(S) $_{\zeta_0}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For every } \varepsilon > 0, \text{ there exists } N > 0 \text{ such that} \\ \text{for any } r > N, \text{ we have } \zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n \text{ satisfying} \\ |\zeta - \zeta_0| < \varepsilon, |f(r\zeta)| \geq \exp(h_f^*(\zeta_0) - \varepsilon)r. \end{array} \right.$

**Remark .** This condition is equivalent to the condition of regular growth which is the classical notion in the theory of entire functions (see [4]).

**Remark .** By (2.2) and (2.6), we have in general  $h_\zeta^*(\zeta) \leq H_K(\zeta)$ . Hereafter we shall make assumption  $h_\zeta^*(\zeta) \equiv H_K(\zeta)$ . For open convex domains, this condition and the condition (S) are, in a sense, necessary and sufficient conditions for the solvability of inhomogeneous convolution equation  $S * f = g$ . See Krivosheev [8] for the more precise statement.

### 3 Main theorem and example

For the characteristic set  $\text{Char}_\infty(S^*)$  and an open convex set  $\omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , we set

$$\Omega = \text{the interior of } \left( \bigcap_{\zeta \in \text{Char}_\infty(S^*)^a} \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n ; \text{Re} \langle z, \zeta \rangle \leq H_\omega(\zeta)\} \right). \quad (3.1)$$

Our main theorem is the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $K \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a compact convex set and  $S$  an analytic functional supported by  $K$ . We suppose that  $S$  satisfies the condition (S) $_{\zeta_0}$  in any directions in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $h_\zeta^*(\zeta) \equiv H_K(\zeta)$ . For an open convex set  $\omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , we define the open set  $\Omega$  by (3.1). Then every holomorphic solution  $f$  to  $S * f = 0$  defined on  $\omega + K^a$  extends analytically to  $\Omega + K^a$ .

**Example .** Let  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l\}$  be a finite set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $K$  its convex-hull and  $p_j(\zeta)$  an entire function of minimal type for  $1 \leq j \leq l$ . For the analytic functional  $S$ , we suppose its Fourier-Borel transform  $\hat{S} = \sum_{j=1}^l p_j(\zeta) \exp \langle \zeta, \lambda_j \rangle$ . Then  $S$  is supported by  $K$  and by Ronkin [10] and by [4], we also know  $h_S^*(\zeta) \equiv H_K(\zeta)$  and that  $\hat{S}$  satisfies the condition  $(S)_{\zeta_0}$  in any directions in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Therefore this analytic functional  $S$  satisfies all hypothesis of the theorem above.

In particular, in case where  $p_j$ 's are elliptic, that is to say, its characteristic set is empty, we can prove that the characteristic set  $\text{Char}_\infty(S^*)$  coincides with the following:

$$\{\zeta_\infty \in S_\infty^{2n-1} ; \#\{j ; \text{Re} \langle \zeta, \lambda_j \rangle = H_K(\zeta)\} \geq 2\}.$$

See [3] for more detailed results. In the case of  $n = 1$ ,  $l = 4$  and  $K =$  the convex-hull of  $\Lambda$ , the figures are the following:

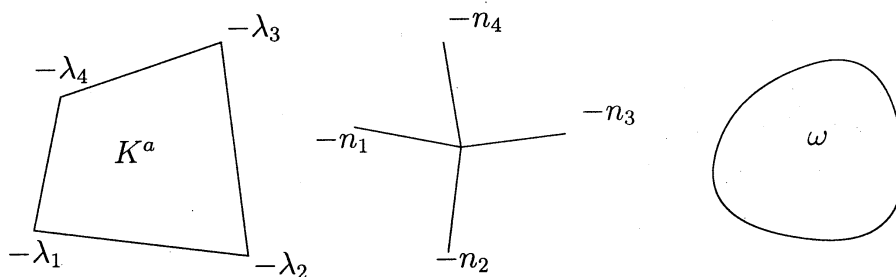


Figure 1:  $K^a$ ,  $\text{Char}(S^*)^a$  and  $\omega$

In this case, we remark

$$\text{Char}_\infty(S^*) = \text{the exterior normal directions } \{n_1\infty, n_2\infty, n_3\infty, n_4\infty\}.$$

In Figure 2, every solution  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\omega + K^a)$  of  $S * f = 0$  can be analytically continued to four corners.

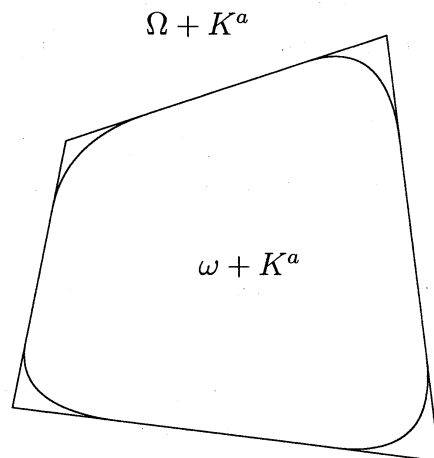


Figure 2:  $\omega + K^a$  and  $\Omega + K^a$

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